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REMARKS

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1. In mid-September 1953, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg quartered an estimated 1,200 KVPs who wore blue service color. Concrete foundations for temporary buildings were being erected in the billeting area near the obstacle course. Administrative offices are to be set up in these buildings. 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] the quartering capacity of the installation is to be increased to about 2,000 men. During the reported period, the installation had a quartering capacity of about 1,800 men.
3. In the first half of September, close order drill and marches to the training area of the unit were observed. [redacted] some of the details leaving the barracks installation marched to Bylow where a tank range was previously in existence. 50X1-HUM
4. Major Brandis, the commanding officer of the unit stationed at the barracks installation used sedan [redacted] 50X1-HUM
5. On 18 September, the KVP unit at the installation was again placed on alert status. Since that day, KVP patrols armed with carbines have been observed in Spremberg at day and night. It was rumored that these measures were caused by a growing unrest among the working population, particularly among the workers of the Leuna Works. However, KVP personnel have not been restricted to their quarters. During the reported period, trucks loaded with cement arrived at the installation almost daily.

[redacted] Comment. The report confirms the Tank Instruction Regiment of TV 3000 in Spremberg, until early September. Major Brandis was previously reported [redacted] as being the commanding officer of the unit 50X1-HUM

[redacted] A mechanized Bereitschaft (division) is being organized in Saxony. A strength of 2,000 men as indicated by the information contained in paragraph 2 of the present report would far exceed the personnel strength of a tank regiment. It is believed that the second tank regiment of the new mechanized division will also be activated in Spremberg. 50X1-HUM

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